

# God Made Us to Love & Serve

## The Great Commandment & the Parable of the Good Samaritan

### Read Luke 10:25-37

In verse 25, a teacher of the law asks Jesus the following question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus then asks the man to answer his own question. The man responds by reciting what is known as the Great Commandment.

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Jesus then replied to this, "Do that, and you will live."

- Is it easy to love God in this way?
- 1 John 4:10 says: "Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins." According to this verse, is our love for God based on our own ability to love Him?
- According to Jesus parable of the Good Samaritan, who should we consider to be our neighbor?
- What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
- In Luke 6:31, Jesus gives us what is referred to as "the Golden Rule": "Do to others as you would have them do to you." If we were the ones facing difficulties, how would we want our neighbors to treat us?
- In John 15:12-13, Jesus said: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." How did Jesus show his love for us?

